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All Wheat Production Up from 2010

All wheat production in Idaho is up 8 percent from 2010 to 116 million bushels, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield, at 82.0 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last year. Winter wheat production totals 63.1 million bushels from 770,000 harvested acres, up 8 percent from last year's 58.2 million bushels. The 2011 winter wheat production is estimated to be 77 percent white and 23 percent hard red. Spring wheat yield, at 84.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels from a year ago and a new record yield for Idaho. Idaho's spring wheat production totals 52.1 million bushels from 620,000 harvested acres, up 9 percent from 2010's 48.0 million bushels and the highest spring wheat production on record for Idaho. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 55 percent white and 45 percent hard red. Yield for durum wheat is estimated to be 69.0 bushels per acre, up 8.0 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production in Idaho totals 759,000 bushels from 11,000 harvested acres, down 461,000 bushels from last year. Barley yield is estimated at 92.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Barley production totals 46.0 million bushels from 500,000 harvested acres, 6 percent more than last year's production of 43.2 million bushels. Idaho's oat production totals 1.05 million bushels from 15,000 harvested acres. Production is down 37 percent from last year.

Nationally, all wheat production totalled 2.01 billion bushels in 2011, down 9 percent from 2010. Grain area is 45.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 43.9 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from the previous year's record high but still ranks as the fifth highest on record. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, up 1 percent; other spring wheat, 462 million bushels, down 25 percent; Durum wheat, 51.9 million bushels, down 51 percent. Barley production is estimated at 155 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2010, and the lowest since 1936. Average yield per acre, at 69.2 bushels, is down 3.9 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.56 million acres in 2011, down 11 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.24 million acres, is down 9 percent from 2010, and the lowest level since 1881. Oat production is estimated at a record low 54.0 million bushels, down 33 percent from 2010. Yield is estimated at 57.5 bushels per acre, down 6.8 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 940 thousand acres, is 26 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record.

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